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INFORMATION ON THE SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF THE HIRED FARM WORKING FORCE, AND ON THE EMPLOYMENT AND CASH EARNINGS FROM FARM AND NONFARM WAGE WORK FOR 1966 IS PRESENTED. THE DATA WERE OBTAINED FROM THE ANNUAL SURVEY CONDUCTED FOR THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE BY THE BUREAU OF CENSUS. THE SAMPLE INCLUDED APPROXIMATELY 35,000 HOUSEHOLDS INTERVIEWED MONTHLY IN 357 AREAS IN 50 STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. SOME FINDINGS WERE--(1) NEARLY 2.8 MILLION DIFFERENT PERSONS (EXCLUDING PERSONS NOT IN THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION AND FOREIGN NATIONALS NOT IN THE COUNTRY AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEY) DID SOME WORK ON FARMS FOR CASH WAGES OR SALARY IN 1966, A 11.7 PERCENT DECLINE FROM THE ESTIMATED HIRED FARM WORKERS IN 1965, (2) ABOUT 74 PERCENT OF THE HIRED FARM WORKERS WERE WHITE MEN AND BOYS WHO HAD A MEAN AGE OF 24 YEARS, (3) 72 PERCENT OF THE ESTIMATED HIRED FARM WORKERS LIVED IN NONFARM RESIDENCES AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEY, (4) WORKERS INCLUDED IN THE SURVEY DID ABOUT 235 MILLION MAN DAYS OR ONE-FOURTH OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS OF LABOR ON FARMS, (5) DOMESTIC MIGRATORY WORKERS AVERAGED 121 DAYS AT $10.80 PER DAY WITH AN ANNUAL EARNING OF $1,307, AND (7) WORKERS IN THE NORTHEAST RECEIVED THE HIGHEST DAILY WAGE, $11.80, AND THOSE IN THE SOUTH RECEIVED THE LOWEST, $6.65. SIXTEEN STATISTICAL TABLES OF HIRED FARM WORKER DATA, DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS OF TERMS, AND INFORMATION ON SOURCES AND RELIABILITY OF SURVEY ESTIMATES ARE INCLUDED. THIS DOCUMENT IS AVAILABLE AS A93.28--120 FOR 25 CENTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS, U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20402. (WB)

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THE HIRED FARM WORKING FORCE OF 1966

--A Statistical Report--

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INTRODUCTION

This report presents information on the size and composition of the 1966 hired farm working force (HFWF) and on the employment and cash earnings from farm and nonfarm wage work obtained during the year. Brief highlights point up some of the most pertinent facts from the detailed data in the statistical tables. The data were obtained from the annual survey conducted for the Economic Research Service by the Bureau of the Census as a supplementary part of the regular Current Population Survey made in December 1966.

Estimates in this report are based on sample data; thus, they are subject to sampling variability. They may differ somewhat from the results that would have been obtained from another sample, or from a complete census using the same schedules, instructions, and interviewers. The survey coverage and reliability of the estimates are discussed in appendix A. Definitions or explanations of terms used in this report are given in appendix B.

SIZE OF THE 1966 HIRED FARM WORKING FORCE (table 1)

Almost 2.8 million different persons did some work on farms for cash wages or salary in 1966. (Excluded are persons not in the civilian noninstitutional population 14 years old and over at the time of the survey.) This represents a decline of 11.7 percent from the estimated 3.1 million hired farm workers in 1965 and is significantly greater than the 1964-65 decline of 7.2 percent.

Casual workers (those who did less than 25 days of farm wage work) numbered about 1.1 million, down from about 1.3 million in 1965. Noncasual workers (those who did 25 days or more of farm wage work) numbered around 1.6 million, about 230,000 less than in 1965.

RECENT TRENDS IN NUMBERS OF HIRED FARMWORKERS (tables 1-3)

Because of sampling variability, averages based on data for several years probably reflect better than yearly estimates the recent trends in the total

number of hired farmworkers and in important segments within the group. Also, since the procedural changes incorporated in the surveys since 1964 seem to have affected the numbers of workers reporting less than 25 days and 25-74 days of farm wage work, it is advisable to combine data for these two groups in examining recent trends. 1/

Using averages for the 3-year periods 1961-63 and 1964-66, it can be seen that:

--The total number of different persons doing hired farmwork in the course of a year declined about 14 percent.

--The number of workers doing between 75 and 249 days of hired farmwork declined about 3 percent.

--Workers doing less than 75 days of work declined about 17 percent, and workers who did 250 or more days of work declined about 12 percent.

COMPOSITION AND RESIDENCE OF THE 1966 HIRED FARM WORKING FORCE (table 4)

The 1966 HFWF was very similar in composition to that of the previous year. Among these workers in 1966:

--74 percent were men and boys.

--73 percent were white.

--Only 21 percent were engaged chiefly in farm wage work.

--56 percent (primarily housewives and students) were not in the labor force most of the year.

--The median age was 24 years.

--32 percent were young people 14-17 years of age; nearly three-fourths of these youths were boys, and about three-fourths lived in nonfarm places at the time of the survey.

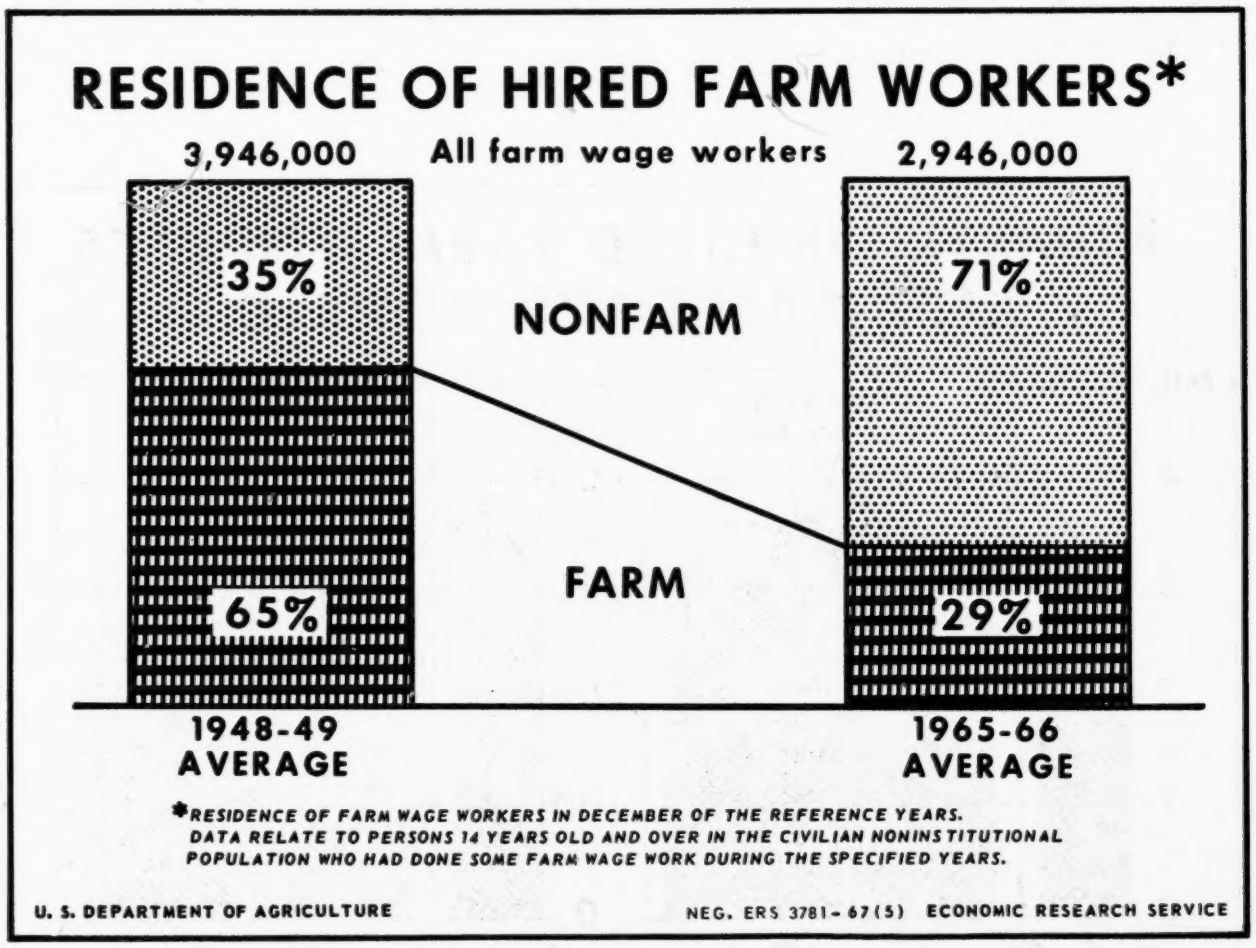
--About 13 percent did some farm wage work outside their home counties. These, considered domestic migratory workers, were a slightly lower proportion of the total than in 1965.

--About half (47 percent) lived in the South and 8 percent in the Northeastern States. Nineteen percent were in the North Central States, and 26

1/ Since 1964, information on number of days of farm wage work has been obtained for each month rather than for the entire year, as was done in 1963 and most prior years. Under the new procedure, it appears that some persons are placed in the 25-74 day category who would have been placed in the group doing less than 25 days of work under the old procedure.

percent were in the West. Changes in distribution among regions in recent years reflect the changing distribution of agricultural activities in the country and the increased use of domestic workers in the West after the termination of the Bracero program.

--72 percent lived in nonfarm places at the time of the survey, although some of them lived on farms at some time during the year. Figure 1 shows the contrast between the current situation and that in the late forties with respect to residence.


RESIDENCE OF HIRED FARM WORKERS*
3,946,000
All farm wage workers
2,946,000
35%
NONFARM
71%
65%
FARM
29%
1948-49 AVERAGE
1965-66 AVERAGE
*RESIDENCE OF FARM WAGE WORKERS IN DECEMBER OF THE REFERENCE YEARS. DATA RELATE TO PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER IN THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION WHO HAD DONE SOME FARM WAGE WORK DURING THE SPECIFIED YEARS.
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MAN-DAYS OF FARM WAGE WORK DONE BY SELECTED GROUPS (table 5)

Workers included in the survey did about 235 million man-days of work on farms in 1966, about one-fourth of the total number of days of labor on farms.

--The percentage of total man-days of work done by white and nonwhite workers was about equal to the proportion each group represented of the HFWF. The percentage done by migratory workers was slightly higher than the proportion they represented of the work force.

--The regular and year-round workers, who comprised about one-fifth (21 percent) of the 1966 HFWF, did about two-thirds (67 percent) of the total man-days of farm wage work (fig. 2). This was about the same as in 1965.

--Averages for the 3-year periods 1961-63 and 1964-66 indicate that the number of full-time workers, and the total number of man-days of hired farm work they did, declined about 12 percent. During these same periods, workers doing 75-249 days of work declined only about 3 percent, and their man-days of work declined even less.

--Workers who did less than 75 days of farm wage work comprised about 68 percent of the total HFWF in both 3-year periods but did a little less than one-fifth of the man-days of work.

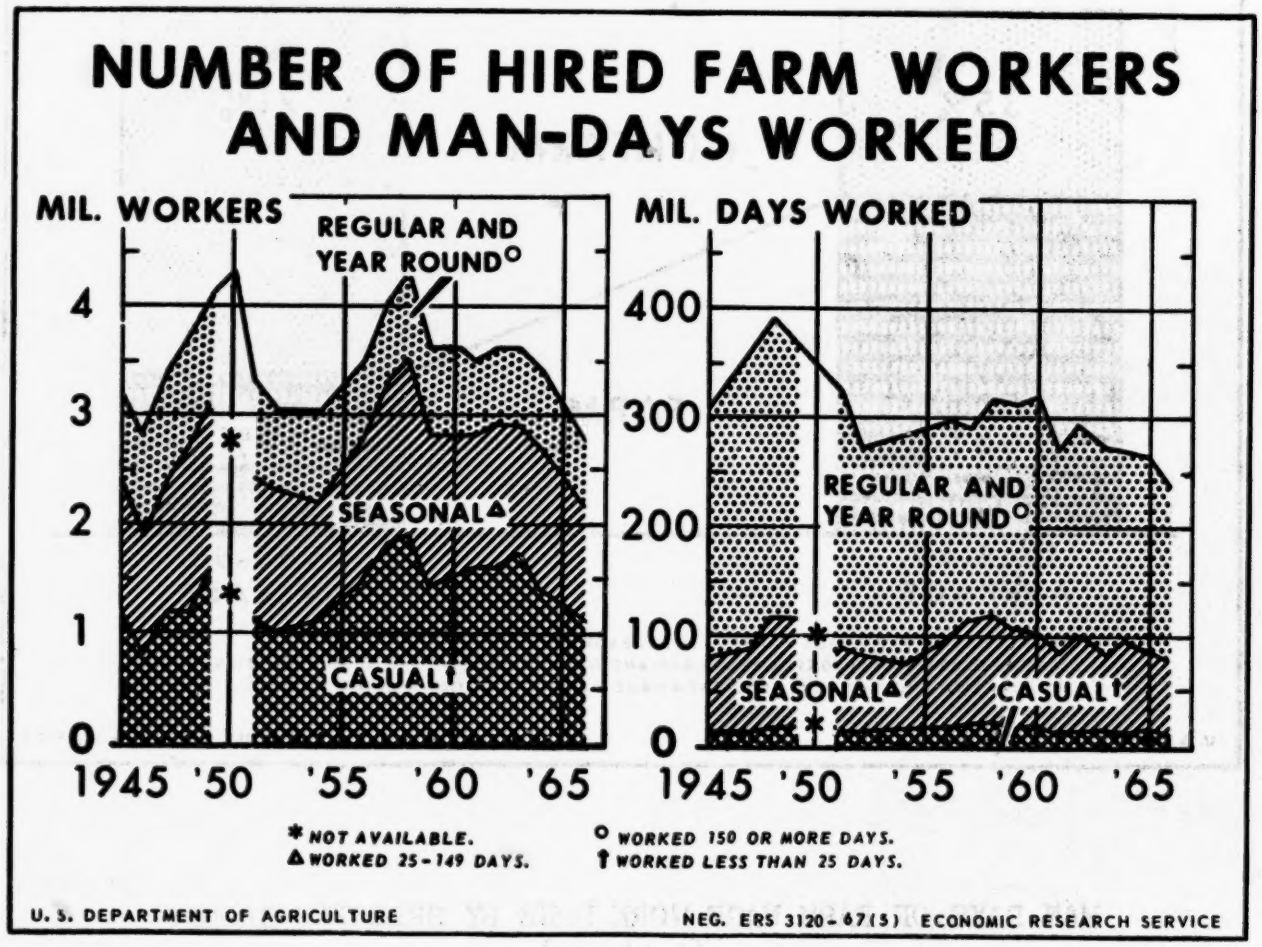

Figure 2

AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS OF FARM WAGE WORK AND RELATED EARNINGS (tables 6-10)

As a group, hired farmworkers earned about $8.55 a day in cash wages from their farm wage work in 1966. For an average of 85 days of such work, they earned $731. Throughout this report, daily and yearly earnings refer only to the cash wages received by workers and do not include the value of perquisites or fringe benefits furnished without charge by the employer.

With a few exceptions, daily and yearly earnings of groups of workers in the HFWF from farm wage work were higher in 1966 than in 1965. Those groups whose earnings declined were noncasual workers 65 years old and over who earned less both daily and annually. Nonwhite workers in the West and all year-round workers who were nonfarm residents earned less annually, as they worked fewer days.

Care should be exercised in interpreting year-to-year changes in these averages because of sampling variability. Appendix A contains estimates of the standard errors of various types of averages.

Great variation among major groups in the average number of days of employment and related daily and yearly earnings from farm wage work continues to be a major feature of the HFWF. In 1966, 1.1 million casuals averaged 9 days of work and earned $70. On the average, casual workers earned $7.45 a day from farmwork.

--Male casual workers averaged $7.70 a day and females $6.95.

--Nonmigratory casuals averaged $7.15 a day; migratory casuals $11.50 a day.

In 1966, 1.6 million noncasual workers averaged 138 days and earned $1,188. Many of the noncasual workers are not in the labor force, or they do work other than farm wage work most of the year. Figure 3 shows that since 1947-49 the proportion of noncasuals whose chief activity is farm wage work has been declining and the proportion not in the labor force a major part of the year has been increasing. Among the noncasuals:

--1.1 million seasonals averaged 63 days of work and earned $521 from farm wage work.

--0.2 million regulars averaged 195 days and earned $1,751.

--0.4 million year-round workers averaged 319 days and earned $2,788.

--Whites averaged 139 days at $9.45 a day, earning $1,322 in cash wages.

--Nonwhites averaged 134 days at $6.25 a day, earning $838.

--Nonmigratory workers averaged 141 days at $8.25 a day, earning $1,164.

--Domestic migratory workers averaged 121 days at $10.80 a day, earning $1,307.

--Workers in the Northeast received the highest daily wage, $11.80; those in the South received the lowest, $6.65.

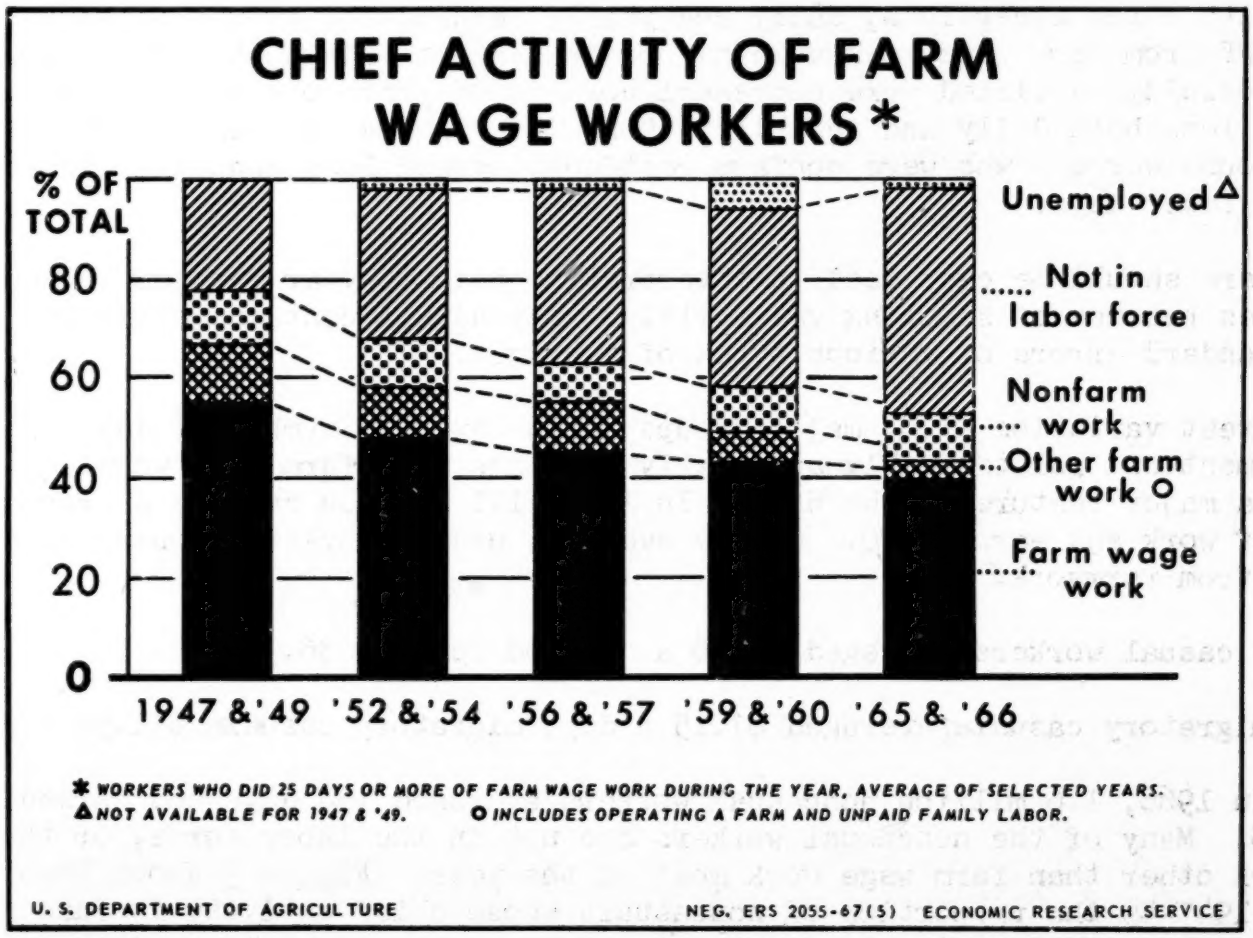
CHIEF ACTIVITY OF FARM WAGE WORKERS*
% OF TOTAL
80
60
40
20
0
Unemployed △
..... Not in labor force
Nonfarm work
.... Other farm work ○
Farm wage work
1947 &'49
'52 &'54
'56 &'57
'59 &'60
'65 & '66
* WORKERS WHO DID 25 DAYS OR MORE OF FARM WAGE WORK DURING THE YEAR, AVERAGE OF SELECTED YEARS.
△ NOT AVAILABLE FOR 1947 & '49.
○ INCLUDES OPERATING A FARM AND UNPAID FAMILY LABOR.
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Figure 3

AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS OF WORKERS WHO DID FARM WAGE WORK ONLY AND THOSE WHO DID FARM AND NONFARM WAGE WORK (tables 11 and 12)

In 1966, about 1.7 million persons did farm wage work only (FWO workers), and about 1.1 million were employed at both farm and nonfarm wage work (FNF workers). These estimates are not significantly different from those for FWO and FNF workers in 1965.

--FWO workers were employed an average of about 104 days at farm wage work and earned $894.

--FNF workers did an average of 109 days of nonfarm wage work and 55 days of farm wage work, from which, on the average, they earned a total of $1,880.

--FWO workers earned about $8.50 a day from farm wage work; FNF workers averaged about $8.65 a day.

--FNF workers earned about $12.85 a day from nonfarm wage work.

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Table 1.--Number of persons who did any farm wage work during the year, by sex, 1945-66

Year	All farm wage workers			Workers who did 25 days or more of farm wage work during the year (noncasual workers)			Workers who did less than 25 days of farm wage work during the year (casual workers)		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
1945	3,212	2,375	837	1,965	1,576	389	1,247	799	448
1946	2,770	2,120	650	1,953	1,584	369	817	536	281
1947	3,394	2,587	807	2,215	1,864	351	1,179	723	456
1948	3,752	2,820	932	2,502	2,036	466	1,250	784	466
1949	4,140	3,021	1,119	2,510	2,001	509	1,630	1,020	610
1950	4,342	3,221	1,121	---	---	---	---	---	---
1951	3,274	2,392	882	2,156	1,718	438	1,118	674	444
1952	2,980	2,218	762	1,972	1,558	414	1,008	660	348
1954	3,009	2,237	772	1,908	1,544	364	1,101	693	408
1956	3,575	2,525	1,050	2,078	1,553	525	1,497	972	525
1957	3,962	2,765	1,197	2,200	1,673	527	1,762	1,092	670
1958	4,212	2,987	1,225	2,319	1,788	531	1,893	1,199	694
1959	3,577	2,570	1,007	2,166	1,690	476	1,412	880	531
1960	3,693	2,664	1,029	2,162	1,698	463	1,531	966	566
1961	3,488	2,445	1,043	1,889	1,468	421	1,600	978	622
1962	3,622	2,551	1,071	2,067	1,576	492	1,555	976	579
1963	3,597	2,615	983	1,862	1,480	382	1,735	1,135	601
1964	3,370	2,398	972	2,001	1,487	514	1,369	911	458
1965	3,128	2,205	923	1,864	1,407	457	1,264	797	466
1966	2,763	2,051	712	1,634	1,295	339	1,130	756	374

Numbers of workers for 1959 and succeeding years are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.

Table 2.--Distribution of persons who did any farm wage work during the year, by duration of farm wage work, averages 1961-63 and 1964-66

Year	Total workers	Duration of farm wage work			
		Less than 75 days	75 - 149 days	150 - 249 days	250 days and over
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Average:					
1961-63	3,569	2,481	385	291	412
1964-66	3,087	2,070	383	273	361
Percentage change	-13.5	-16.6	-0.1	-6.2	-12.4
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Average:					
1961-63	100	69	11	8	12
1964-66	100	67	12	9	12

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.

Table 3.--Distribution of man-days of farm wage work, for workers, by duration of farm wage work, averages 1961-63 and 1964-66

Year	Total man-days of farm wage work	Duration of farm wage work			
		Less than 75 days	75 - 149 days	150 - 249 days	250 days and over
	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.
Average:					
1961-63	279	52	39	56	131
1964-66	257	47	40	54	116
Percentage change	-7.9	-9.6	2.6	-3.6	-11.5
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Average:					
1961-63	100	19	14	20	47
1964-66	100	18	16	21	45

Numbers of days are rounded to the nearest million without being adjusted to group totals.

Table 4.--Distribution of farm wage workers, by selected characteristics, 1966

Selected characteristics	Number of workers			Percentage distribution		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
ALL WORKERS, 1966	2,763	2,051	712	100	100	100
COLOR						
White	2,031	1,617	414	73	79	58
Nonwhite	733	434	298	27	21	42
CHIEF ACTIVITY						
Farm work	757	679	78	27	33	11
Farm wage work	599	543	56	21	26	8
Without nonfarm work	460	428	32	17	21	5
With nonfarm work	139	115	24	5	5	3
Other farm work 1/	158	136	23	6	7	3
Nonfarm work	403	349	54	15	17	8
Unemployed	46	36	10	2	2	1
Not in labor force	1,557	987	570	56	48	80
Keeping house	320	9	310	12	2/	44
Attending school	1,034	781	252	37	38	35
Other	204	196	7	7	10	1
RESIDENCE AND AGE						
All workers	2,763	2,051	712	100	100	100
14-17 years	882	647	235	32	31	33
18-24	584	461	123	21	23	17
25-34	327	231	96	12	11	13
35-44	272	186	86	10	9	12
45-54	319	220	99	12	11	14
55-64	226	178	48	8	9	7
65 and over	153	128	25	5	6	4
Farm residence	766	590	176	100	100	100
14-17 years	234	178	55	31	30	31
18-24	149	127	22	19	21	12
25-34	87	60	27	11	10	15
35-44	84	61	23	11	10	13
45-54	88	57	31	12	10	18
55-64	78	68	10	10	12	6
65 and over	46	39	8	6	7	5
Nonfarm residence	1,998	1,461	536	100	100	100
14-17 years	649	468	180	33	32	34
18-24	436	335	101	22	23	19
25-34	240	171	69	12	12	13
35-44	188	125	62	9	9	11
45-54	231	163	68	12	11	13
55-64	148	110	38	7	7	7
65 and over	107	89	18	5	6	3
MIGRATORY STATUS AND AGE						
Migratory	351	249	104	100	100	100
14-17 years	91	66	25	26	27	24
18-24	97	66	31	28	27	30
25-34	44	29	15	12	11	14
35-44	38	27	12	11	11	12
45-54	38	25	13	11	10	12
55-64	28	23	6	8	9	6
65 and over	15	13	2	4	5	2

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4.--Distribution of farm wage workers, by selected characteristics, 1966--Continued

Selected characteristics	Number of workers			Percentage distribution		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
MIGRATORY STATUS AND AGE--Continued						
Nonmigratory	2,412	1,802	608	100	100	100
14-17 years	791	581	210	33	32	35
18-24	487	395	92	20	22	15
25-34	283	202	81	12	11	13
35-44	234	159	74	10	9	12
45-54	281	195	86	11	11	14
55-64	198	155	42	8	9	7
65 and over	138	115	23	6	6	4
REGION	2,763	2,051	712	100	100	100
Northeast	216	170	46	8	8	7
North Central	519	482	38	19	24	5
South	1,292	865	427	47	42	60
West	736	534	201	26	26	28
WORKERS WHO DID 25 DAYS OR MORE OF FARM WAGE WORK						
MIGRATORY STATUS AND AGE						
All workers	1,634	1,295	339	100	100	100
14-17 years	403	317	86	25	24	25
18-24	359	292	67	22	23	20
25-34	207	166	41	13	13	12
35-44	177	133	45	11	10	13
45-54	245	187	58	15	14	18
55-64	156	125	30	9	10	9
65 and over	86	75	11	5	6	3
Migratory	275	199	79	100	100	100
14-17 years	60	44	16	22	22	20
18-24	79	52	27	29	26	34
25-34	31	24	8	11	12	10
35-44	32	25	8	12	13	10
45-54	34	23	12	12	12	15
55-64	26	21	6	10	10	8
65 and over	11	10	2	4	5	3
Nonmigratory	1,359	1,097	262	100	100	100
14-17 years	343	273	70	25	25	27
18-24	281	240	40	21	22	15
25-34	176	142	34	13	13	13
35-44	145	108	37	11	10	14
45-54	210	164	47	15	15	18
55-64	129	104	25	9	9	10
65 and over	75	66	9	6	6	3
TOTAL FARM WAGES EARNED	1,634	1,295	339	100	100	100
Under $100	55	37	17	3	3	5
100-199	216	127	89	13	10	26
200-399	296	216	80	18	16	24
400-599	195	142	53	12	11	16
600-999	257	195	61	16	15	18
1,000-1,999	286	256	30	18	20	9
2,000 and over	330	322	8	20	25	2

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4.--Distribution of farm wage workers, by selected characteristics, 1966--Continued

Selected characteristics	Number of workers			Percentage distribution		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
WORKERS WHO DID 25 DAYS OR MORE OF FARM WAGE WORK--Continued						
TOTAL FARM AND NONFARM WAGES EARNED	1,634	1,295	339	100	100	100
Under $100	5	2	3	2/	2/	1
100-199	59	39	21	4	3	6
200-399	148	85	62	9	6	18
400-599	116	79	37	7	6	11
600-999	204	126	77	13	10	23
1,000-1,399	178	142	36	11	11	11
1,400-1,999	137	102	35	8	8	10
2,000 and over	787	720	67	48	56	20
WORKERS WHO DID LESS THAN 25 DAYS OF FARM WAGE WORK, 1966						
MIGRATORY STATUS AND AGE						
All workers	1,130	756	374	100	100	100
14-17 years	479	330	149	42	43	40
18-24	227	171	56	20	23	15
25-34	120	65	55	11	9	15
35-44	94	53	41	8	7	11
45-54	74	33	41	7	4	11
55-64	70	53	17	6	7	4
65 and over	67	53	15	6	7	4
Migratory	76	50	25	100	100	3/
14-17 years	31	22	9	40	44	---
18-24	18	14	4	23	28	---
25-34	13	5	7	17	10	---
35-44	6	2	4	8	4	---
45-54	4	2	1	5	4	---
55-64	2	2	0	2	4	---
65 and over	4	3	0	5	6	---
Nonmigratory	1,053	705	346	100	100	100
14-17 years	448	308	140	43	44	41
18-24	206	155	52	20	22	15
25-34	107	60	47	10	9	14
35-44	89	51	37	8	7	10
45-54	71	31	39	7	4	11
55-64	69	51	17	6	7	5
65 and over	63	49	14	6	7	4

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.
1/ Includes operating a farm and unpaid family labor.
2/ Less than 0.5 percent.
3/ Percentages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

Table 5.--Distribution of farm wage workers and man-days of farm wage work, by selected characteristics, 1966

Selected characteristics	Number of workers			Man-days of farm wage work		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.
ALL WORKERS, 1966	2,763	2,051	712	235	205	28
COLOR						
White	2,031	1,617	414	173	157	15
Nonwhite	733	434	298	63	49	14
MIGRATORY STATUS						
Migratory	351	249	104	34	28	6
Nonmigratory	2,412	1,802	608	201	179	22
DURATION OF FARM WAGE WORK						
Less than 25 days	1,130	756	374	10	7	4
25-74	717	484	234	32	22	10
75-149	339	273	66	35	28	7
150-249	211	182	29	41	36	5
250 and over	367	356	10	117	114	3
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
ALL WORKERS, 1966	100	100	100	100	100	100
COLOR						
White	73	79	58	73	76	52
Nonwhite	27	21	42	27	24	48
MIGRATORY STATUS						
Migratory	13	12	15	15	13	21
Nonmigratory	87	88	85	85	87	79
DURATION OF FARM WAGE WORK						
Less than 25 days	41	37	53	4	3	14
25-74	26	24	33	14	11	35
75-149	12	13	9	15	14	24
150-249	8	9	4	17	17	17
250 and over	13	17	1	50	55	10

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand, and numbers of man-days worked are rounded to the nearest million without being adjusted to group totals.

Table 6.--Distribution of farm wage workers, by selected characteristics and duration of farm wage work, 1966

Selected characteristics	Number of farm wage workers						Percentage distribution					
	Total workers	Number working					Total workers	Percentage working				
		Less than 25 days	25-74 days	75-149 days	150-249 days	250 days and over		Less than 25 days	25-74 days	75-149 days	150-249 days	250 days and over
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
ALL WORKERS, 1966	2,763	1,130	717	339	211	367	100	41	26	12	8	13
COLOR												
White	2,031	849	505	266	141	270	100	42	25	13	7	13
Nonwhite	733	281	213	73	70	96	100	38	29	10	10	13
SEX AND AGE												
Both sexes												
14-17 years	882	479	296	73	17	17	100	54	34	8	2	2
18-24	584	227	154	122	32	52	100	39	26	21	5	9
25-34	327	120	60	36	36	75	100	37	18	11	11	23
35-44	272	94	61	20	24	72	100	35	22	7	9	27
45-54	319	74	65	49	55	77	100	23	20	15	18	24
55-64	226	70	46	23	29	59	100	31	20	10	13	26
65 and over	153	67	36	17	18	15	100	44	23	11	12	10
Males	2,051	756	484	273	182	356	100	37	24	13	9	17
14-17 years	647	330	217	66	17	17	100	51	33	10	3	3
18-24	461	171	117	103	22	50	100	37	25	22	5	11
25-34	231	65	39	22	31	75	100	28	17	10	13	32
35-44	186	53	32	13	21	67	100	29	17	7	11	36
45-54	220	33	29	37	46	75	100	15	13	17	21	34
55-64	178	53	23	19	27	57	100	29	13	11	15	32
65 and over	128	53	28	14	18	15	100	41	22	11	14	12
Females	712	374	234	66	29	10	100	53	33	9	4	1
14-17 years	235	149	79	7	---	---	100	63	34	3	---	---
18-24	123	56	37	19	10	2	100	45	30	15	8	2
25-34	96	55	21	14	5	---	100	58	22	15	5	---
35-44	86	41	29	7	3	5	100	48	34	8	4	6
45-54	99	41	36	12	9	2	100	41	36	12	9	2
55-64 1/	48	17	23	4	2	2	100	---	---	---	---	---
65 and over 1/	25	15	8	3	---	---	100	---	---	---	---	---
RESIDENCE												
Farm	766	291	191	77	54	153	100	38	25	10	7	20
Nonfarm	1,998	838	527	262	156	214	100	42	26	13	8	11
MIGRATORY STATUS												
Migratory	351	76	114	73	57	30	100	22	32	21	16	9
Nonmigratory	2,412	1,053	604	266	154	336	100	44	25	11	6	14
REGION												
Northeast	216	123	43	17	4	30	100	56	20	8	2	14
North Central	519	214	134	72	39	61	100	41	26	14	7	12
South	1,292	546	333	126	98	190	100	42	26	10	7	15
West	736	247	207	125	70	87	100	34	28	17	9	12

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.
1/ Percentages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

Table 7.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wage work, for all farm wage workers, by selected characteristics, 1966

Selected characteristics	Number of workers	Farm and nonfarm			Farm			Nonfarm		
		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned	
			Per year	Per day 1/		Per year	Per day 1/		Per year	Per day 1/
	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.
ALL WORKERS, 1966	2,763	128	1,279	10.00	85	731	8.55	43	548	12.85
COLOR AND SEX										
White	2,031	133	1,473	11.00	85	802	9.40	48	671	13.75
Nonwhite	733	112	740	6.60	86	536	6.20	26	204	8.00
Male	2,051	149	1,565	10.50	100	891	8.80	49	674	13.95
White	1,617	152	1,716	11.30	97	927	9.50	55	789	14.40
Nonwhite	434	139	1,003	7.20	114	757	6.60	25	246	9.95
Female	712	67	454	6.80	40	272	6.65	27	182	6.90
White	414	63	524	8.30	37	314	8.45	26	210	8.05
Nonwhite	298	72	357	4.90	46	215	4.65	26	142	5.35
CHIEF ACTIVITY										
Farm work	757	225	2,102	9.30	212	1,946	9.15	13	156	11.60
Farm wage work	599	261	2,359	9.05	247	2,221	8.95	14	138	10.15
Without nonfarm work	460	269	2,403	8.90	269	2,403	8.90	---	---	---
With nonfarm work	139	233	2,214	9.50	174	1,618	9.30	59	596	10.15
Other farm work 2/	158	92	1,127	12.20	79	907	11.35	13	220	17.85*
Nonfarm work	403	236	3,272	13.80	41	345	8.35	195	2,927	14.95
Unemployed	46	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Not in labor force	1,557	53	369	6.90	36	250	6.90	17	119	6.85
Keeping house	320	50	349	6.95	34	263	7.75	16	86	5.30
Attending school	1,034	54	340	6.30	35	220	6.20	19	120	6.50
Other	204	55	543	9.80	42	382	8.95	13	161	12.65
RESIDENCE, SEX, AND DURATION OF FARM WAGE WORK										
All workers										
Less than 25 days	1,130	66	807	12.20	9	70	7.45	57	737	13.00
25-74	717	83	810	9.70	44	339	7.55	39	471	12.15
75-149	339	157	1,633	10.35	103	905	8.75	54	728	13.35
150-249	211	219	2,050	9.35	195	1,751	8.95	24	299	12.55
250 and over	367	327	2,878	8.80	319	2,788	8.70	8	90	11.95*
Farm residence	766	125	1,023	8.15	105	795	7.55	20	228	11.10
Less than 25 days	291	33	367	10.80	9	67	7.15	24	300	12.20
25-74	191	67	474	7.00	44	275	6.15	23	199	8.70
75-149	77	138	1,365	9.85	99	901	9.10	39	464	11.80*
150-249	54	210	1,671	7.95	192	1,449	7.55	18	222	12.55*
250 and over	153	336	2,557	7.60	335	2,551	7.60	1	6	6.55*
Nonfarm residence	1,998	129	1,377	10.65	77	707	9.05	52	670	13.10
Less than 25 days	838	77	960	12.45	9	71	7.55	68	889	13.10
25-74	527	89	932	10.40	45	363	8.05	44	569	12.80
75-149	262	163	1,712	10.45	104	906	8.65	59	806	13.65
150-249	156	222	2,182	9.80	196	1,856	9.45	26	326	12.55
250 and over	214	320	3,107	9.70	307	2,957	9.60	13	150	12.25*
Males										
Less than 25 days	756	76	1,036	13.60	9	70	7.70	67	966	14.40
25-74	484	95	1,022	10.65	45	360	7.90	50	662	13.15
75-149	273	165	1,822	11.01	103	951	9.15	62	871	14.15
150-249	182	223	2,172	9.70	197	1,834	9.25	26	338	13.30
250 and over	356	327	2,918	8.90	319	2,825	8.85	8	93	11.95
Females										
Less than 25 days	374	45	342	7.55	10	70	6.95	35	272	7.70
25-74	234	58	371	6.35	43	297	6.80	15	74	5.05
75 and over	105	163	1,032	6.35	143	936	6.55	20	96	4.95*

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 7.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wage work, for all farm wage workers, by selected characteristics, 1966--Continued

Selected characteristics	Number of workers	Farm and nonfarm: Days worked	Farm and nonfarm: Wages earned: Per year	Farm and nonfarm: Wages earned: Per day 1/	Farm: Days worked	Farm: Wages earned: Per year	Farm: Wages earned: Per day 1/	Nonfarm: Days worked	Nonfarm: Wages earned: Per year	Nonfarm: Wages earned: Per day 1/
	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.
MIGRATORY STATUS AND DURATION OF FARM WAGE WORK										
Migratory	351	140	1,580	11.25	96	1,046	10.80	44	534	12.25
Less than 25 days	76	66	863	12.95	9	107	11.50	57	756	13.15
25-74	114	92	1,033	11.15	45	412	8.95	47	621	13.35
75-149	73	167	1,784	10.65	102	1,096	10.75	65	688	10.50
150 and over	87	244	2,739	11.25	235	2,643	11.25	9	96	10.60*
Nonmigratory	2,412	126	1,235	9.75	83	685	8.20	43	550	12.90
Less than 25 days	1,053	65	803	12.15	9	68	7.15	56	735	13.00
25-74	604	82	768	9.35	44	326	7.30	38	442	11.90
75-149	266	155	1,592	10.25	103	853	8.25	52	739	14.35
150-249	154	224	2,055	9.15	197	1,700	8.60	27	355	12.95
250 and over	336	327	2,770	8.45	319	2,672	8.35	8	98	11.95*
REGION AND COLOR										
Northeast	216	121	1,592	13.10	72	834	11.60	49	758	15.30
White	204	124	1,635	13.15	75	875	11.70	49	760	15.40
Nonwhite 3/	13	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
North Central	519	137	1,502	10.95	82	646	7.85	55	856	15.60
White	498	139	1,531	11.05	84	660	7.90	55	871	15.80
Nonwhite 3/	22	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
South	1,292	124	962	7.75	86	576	6.65	38	386	10.35
White	681	137	1,281	9.40	88	702	8.00	49	579	11.90
Nonwhite	611	109	606	5.55	85	436	5.15	24	170	7.05
West	736	130	1,584	12.10	89	1,034	11.60	41	550	13.25
White	648	129	1,579	12.25	85	993	11.65	44	586	13.45
Nonwhite	89	138	1,618	11.70	112	1,332	11.85	26	286	11.20*
REGION, MIGRATORY STATUS, AND COLOR										
All workers										
Migratory										
White	271	145	1,687	11.60	99	1,106	11.15	46	581	12.60
Nonwhite	80	123	1,215	9.85	88	841	9.50	35	374	10.80*
Nonmigratory										
White	1,759	132	1,440	10.90	82	755	9.10	50	685	13.90
Nonwhite	653	110	682	6.15	86	499	5.75	24	183	7.50
South										
Migratory	118	145	1,296	8.95	98	822	8.35	47	474	10.25
White	73	158	1,503	9.50	101	913	9.05	57	590	10.25
Nonwhite 3/	45	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonmigratory	1,174	121	928	7.65	85	552	6.50	36	376	10.40
White	608	134	1,254	9.35	86	677	7.80	48	577	12.10
Nonwhite	566	108	578	5.30	84	417	4.90	24	161	6.70
West										
Migratory	151	147	1,920	13.05	106	1,458	13.80	41	462	11.15
White	117	155	2,029	13.05	114	1,577	13.80	41	452	10.95
Nonwhite 3/	34	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonmigratory	586	125	1,497	11.95	84	924	11.00	41	573	13.85
White	531	123	1,480	11.95	79	864	10.85	44	616	13.95
Nonwhite	55	149	1,663	11.10	134	1,507	11.15	15	156	10.35*

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.
1/ Rounded to the nearest 5 cents.
2/ Includes operating a farm and unpaid family labor.
3/ Averages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.
* Number of workers who did nonfarm wage work is less than 50,000.

Table 8.--Distribution of farm wage workers, by selected characteristics and average daily earnings at farm wage work, 1966

Selected characteristics	Number of workers	Average daily earnings from farm wage work								Median daily earnings 1/
		Total	Less than $3.00	$3.00-4.99	$5.00-6.99	$7.00-8.99	$9.00-10.99	$11.00-12.99	$13.00 and over	
	Thou.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Dol.
ALL WORKERS, 1966	2,763	100	10	20	20	16	14	8	12	6.95
COLOR AND SEX										
White	2,031	100	8	14	20	17	17	9	15	7.95
Nonwhite	733	100	14	39	22	11	7	2	5	4.85
Male	2,051	100	9	17	19	17	16	8	14	7.60
White	1,617	100	8	12	18	19	17	10	16	8.20
Nonwhite	434	100	11	33	23	14	10	2	7	5.55
Female	712	100	12	31	24	10	9	6	8	5.50
White	414	100	9	18	26	13	14	8	12	6.75
Nonwhite	298	100	18	49	21	6	2	2	2	4.30
AGE, MIGRATORY STATUS, AND SEX										
14-19 years	1,151	100	15	24	22	18	10	4	7	5.95
Migratory	130	100	10	7	18	24	19	10	12	8.25
Nonmigratory	1,021	100	16	26	22	17	9	4	6	5.65
20 years and over	1,611	100	6	18	19	14	17	10	16	8.00
Migratory	221	100	4	2	17	14	17	18	28	10.45
Male	156	100	4	2	12	13	18	17	34	11.20
Female	65	100	3	5	30	17	14	19	12	8.45
Nonmigratory	1,389	100	6	20	20	14	17	8	15	7.55
Male	1,031	100	5	15	18	16	20	9	17	8.50
Female	360	100	10	36	24	8	9	5	8	5.35
DURATION OF FARM WAGE WORK										
Less than 25 days	1,130	100	11	25	21	15	13	5	10	6.35
25-74	717	100	10	21	23	17	11	8	10	6.65
75-149	339	100	12	11	19	16	17	9	16	8.05
150-249	211	100	4	18	18	13	19	10	18	8.50
250-299	107	100	6	18	17	14	19	13	13	8.15
300 and over	260	100	8	15	15	18	15	9	20	8.30
REGION AND SEX										
Northeast	216	100	17	12	12	13	21	5	20	8.40
Male	170	100	18	12	13	17	19	3	18	7.90
Female 2/	46	100	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
North Central	519	100	9	12	23	22	14	9	11	7.60
Male	482	100	9	11	23	22	14	10	11	7.65
Female 2/	38	100	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
South	1,292	100	10	33	28	12	10	3	4	5.50
Male	865	100	8	27	25	16	14	4	6	6.15
Female	427	100	14	44	32	5	4	3/	1	4.65
West	736	100	8	7	9	17	18	15	26	10.00
Male	534	100	6	7	8	17	20	14	28	10.30
Female	201	100	11	9	12	19	14	17	18	8.90

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.
1/ Rounded to the nearest 5 cents.
2/ Percentages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.
3/ Less than 0.5 percent.

Table 9.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wage work, for persons who did 25 days or more of farm wage work, by selected characteristics, 1966

Selected characteristics	Number of workers	Farm and nonfarm			Farm			Nonfarm		
		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned	
			Per year	Per day 1/		Per year	Per day 1/		Per year	Per day 1/
	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.
WORKERS WHO DID 25 DAYS OR MORE OF FARM WAGE WORK, 1966	1,634	171	1,605	9.40	138	1,188	8.60	33	417	12.60
COLOR AND SEX										
White	1,182	177	1,834	10.35	139	1,322	9.45	38	512	13.55
Nonwhite	452	154	1,005	6.50	134	838	6.25	20	167	8.00
Male	1,295	192	1,874	9.75	154	1,369	8.85	38	505	13.45
White	999	194	2,044	10.55	152	1,454	9.55	42	590	14.05
Nonwhite	296	185	1,301	7.00	163	1,085	6.65	22	216	9.80
Female	339	91	577	6.35	74	495	6.60	17	82	5.00
White	183	85	691	8.05	71	603	8.45	14	88	6.20
Nonwhite	156	97	442	4.55	78	369	4.70	19	73	3.95
SEX AND AGE										
Both sexes										
14-17 years	403	81	411	5.00	71	360	5.05	10	51	4.85
18-24	359	167	1,676	10.00	115	1,041	9.00	52	635	12.25
25-34	207	240	2,808	11.65	181	1,800	9.95	59	1,008	16.85
35-44	177	215	2,113	9.80	183	1,683	9.20	32	430	13.15
45-54	245	212	2,086	9.80	177	1,671	9.40	35	415	11.90
55-64	156	214	1,993	9.25	188	1,713	9.10	26	280	10.45*
65 and over	86	145	889	6.10	142	872	6.10	3	17	6.15*
Males										
14-17 years	317	88	437	4.95	77	381	4.90	11	56	5.15
18-24	292	182	1,878	10.30	122	1,121	9.10	60	757	12.65
25-34	166	271	3,336	12.25	204	2,096	10.20	67	1,240	18.55
35-44	133	252	2,585	10.20	215	2,061	9.55	37	524	13.90
45-54	187	246	2,549	10.35	206	2,038	9.85	40	511	12.75
55-64	125	244	2,349	9.60	214	2,014	9.40	30	335	10.85
65 and over	75	157	964	6.10	155	946	6.10	2	18	8.15
CHIEF ACTIVITY										
Farm work	678	249	2,299	9.25	236	2,162	9.15	13	137	10.50
Farm wage work	597	261	2,366	9.05	248	2,227	8.95	13	139	10.15
Without nonfarm work	460	269	2,403	8.90	269	2,403	8.90	---	---	---
With nonfarm work	137	235	2,240	9.50	176	1,637	9.30	59	603	10.15
Other farm work 2/	81	155	1,803	11.60	146	1,680	11.45	9	123	14.85*
Nonfarm work	195	251	3,147	12.50	76	626	8.20	175	2,521	14.40
Unemployed 3/	27	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Not in labor force	734	80	577	7.20	66	459	6.95	14	118	8.40
Keeping house	158	69	514	7.40	58	440	7.55	11	74	6.60*
Attending school	484	81	534	6.60	65	403	6.20	16	131	8.15
Other	92	92	905	9.75	85	787	9.25	7	118	15.95*
REGION AND COLOR										
Northeast	93	178	2,249	12.60	156	1,845	11.80	22	404	18.05*
White	91	178	2,264	12.65	156	1,858	11.85	22	406	18.25*
Nonwhite 3/	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
North Central	306	177	1,731	9.75	132	1,034	7.80	45	697	15.70
White	294	179	1,765	9.80	135	1,055	7.80	44	710	15.95
Nonwhite 3/	12	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 9.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wage work, for persons who did 25 days or more of farm wage work, by selected characteristics, 1966--Continued

Selected characteristics	Number of workers	Farm and nonfarm			Farm			Nonfarm		
		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned	
			Per year	Per day 1/		Per year	Per day 1/		Per year	Per day 1/
	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.
REGION AND COLOR--Continued										
South	746	174	1,276	7.30	143	956	6.65	31	320	10.15
White	382	190	1,676	8.80	149	1,200	8.00	41	476	11.65
Nonwhite	364	158	856	5.40	136	700	5.15	22	156	7.20
West	489	160	1,906	11.90	129	1,514	11.65	31	392	12.85
White	415	162	1,934	11.90	129	1,506	11.65	33	428	12.80
Nonwhite	74	145	1,746	12.00	132	1,563	11.80	13	183	13.80
REGION, MIGRATORY STATUS, AND COLOR										
All workers										
Migratory	275	160	1,779	11.05	121	1,307	10.80	39	472	11.90
White	216	165	1,872	11.30	122	1,363	11.10	43	509	11.90
Nonwhite	59	143	1,438	10.00	115	1,105	9.55	28	333	12.00*
Nonmigratory	1,359	173	1,570	9.05	141	1,164	8.25	32	406	12.75
White	966	179	1,826	10.15	143	1,313	9.15	36	513	14.00
Nonwhite	393	156	940	6.00	136	798	5.85	20	142	7.15
South										
Migratory	100	161	1,472	9.10	114	956	8.35	47	516	10.85
White	68	165	1,607	9.70	108	977	9.05	57	630	10.90
Nonwhite 3/	32	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonmigratory	646	176	1,246	7.05	147	956	6.45	29	290	9.95
White	314	196	1,691	8.60	158	1,248	7.85	38	443	11.90
Nonwhite	332	158	824	5.20	137	680	4.95	21	144	6.75
West										
Migratory	115	173	2,303	13.25	136	1,891	13.80	37	412	11.20
Nonmigratory	374	156	1,784	11.45	127	1,399	10.95	29	385	13.55
NONMIGRATORY WORKERS, SEX, AND COLOR										
Nonmigratory										
Male	1,098	193	1,823	9.45	157	1,339	8.50	36	484	13.70
White	835	196	2,019	10.30	155	1,438	9.25	41	581	14.40
Nonwhite	263	183	1,199	6.55	164	1,025	6.25	19	174	8.95
Female	261	89	505	5.65	73	432	5.90	16	73	4.50
White	131	76	593	7.70	64	521	8.05	12	72	5.95*
Nonwhite	130	102	417	4.05	82	342	4.15	20	75	3.65*
HOUSEHOLD STATUS AND MIGRATORY STATUS										
Household heads	787	237	2,487	10.45	189	1,796	9.45	48	691	14.50
Migratory	123	230	2,808	12.20	171	2,022	11.80	59	786	13.30
Nonmigratory	664	238	2,428	10.15	193	1,754	9.05	45	674	14.75
Other household members	847	109	786	7.20	89	624	6.95	20	162	8.30
Migratory	152	104	949	9.05	80	730	9.05	24	219	9.10
Nonmigratory	695	110	750	6.80	91	601	6.55	19	149	8.05

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3/ Averages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.
* Number of workers who did nonfarm wage work is less than 50,000.

Table 10.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wage work, for persons who did less than 25 days of farm wage work, by selected characteristics, 1966

Selected characteristics	Number of workers	Farm and nonfarm			Farm			Nonfarm		
		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned	
			Per year	Per day 1/		Per year	Per day 1/		Per year	Per day 1/
	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.
WORKERS WHO DID LESS THAN 25 DAYS OF FARM WAGE WORK, 1966	1,130	66	807	12.20	9	70	7.45	57	737	13.00
SEX AND AGE										
Both sexes										
14-17 years	479	27	117	4.30	9	56	5.90	18	61	3.45
18-24	227	108	1,447	13.30	9	74	7.70	99	1,373	13.80
25-34	120	113	1,973	17.40	9	88	9.70	104	1,885	18.05
35-44	94	107	1,571	14.60	8	83	9.75	99	1,488	15.00
45-54	74	76	1,086	14.20	9	79	8.70	67	1,007	14.95*
55-64	70	89	790	8.80	11	79	6.75	78	711	9.10*
65 and over	67	23	158	6.75	8	93	11.15	15	65	4.30*
Males	756	76	1,036	13.60	9	70	7.70	67	966	14.40
14-17 years	330	29	127	4.30	9	54	5.95	20	73	3.50
18-24	171	120	1,659	13.75	9	75	7.95	111	1,584	14.25
25-34	65	165	3,295	19.90	8	116	13.50	157	3,179	20.25
35-44	53	142	2,464	17.30	8	106	11.95	134	2,358	17.65*
45 and over	139	66	838	12.80	9	66	7.70	57	772	13.60
Females	374	45	342	7.55	10	70	6.95	35	272	7.70
14-17 years	149	20	92	4.45	10	59	5.70	10	33	3.20
18-24	56	72	794	10.90	10	70	6.95	62	724	11.55
25-34	55	52	422	8.10	9	56	5.75	43	366	8.60
35-44 2/	41	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
45 and over	73	59	408	6.90	11	116	10.85	48	292	6.05*
CHIEF ACTIVITY										
Farm wage work and other farm work 3/	79	27	420	15.55	10	103	9.80	17	317	19.25*
Nonfarm work	208	222	3,389	15.20	8	80	9.65	214	3,309	15.40
Unemployed 2/	19	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Not in labor force	824	29	184	6.20	9	64	6.75	20	120	5.90
Keeping house	162	31	188	6.05	10	92	8.80	21	96	4.65
Attending school	550	30	170	5.60	9	58	6.15	21	112	5.35
Other	112	24	245	9.85	7	48	6.30	17	197	11.45*
MIGRATORY STATUS										
Migratory	76	66	863	12.95	9	107	11.50	57	756	13.15*
Nonmigratory	1,053	65	803	12.15	9	68	7.15	56	735	13.00
HOUSEHOLD STATUS AND MIGRATORY STATUS										
Household heads	325	139	2,170	15.60	8	95	10.80	131	2,075	15.90
Migratory 2/	26	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonmigratory	299	141	2,198	15.55	8	92	10.40	133	2,106	15.90
Other household members	802	35	251	7.00	9	60	6.25	26	191	7.25
Migratory	50	42	359	8.55	9	94	9.60	33	265	8.20*
Nonmigratory	752	35	243	6.85	9	58	6.00	26	185	7.20

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3/ Includes operating a farm and unpaid family labor.
* Number of workers who did nonfarm wage work is less than 50,000.

Table 11.--Percentage of workers who did farm and nonfarm wage work, and average number of days worked and wages earned, for workers who did farm wage work only, by selected characteristics, 1966

Selected characteristics	Farm wage workers		Workers who did farm wage work only			
	Number of workers	Percentage who also did some nonfarm wage work	Number of workers	Farm		
				Days worked	Wages earned	
					Per year	Per day 1/
	Thou.	Pct.	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.
ALL WORKERS, 1966	2,763	39	1,685	104	894	8.50
COLOR AND SEX						
White	2,031	42	1,176	106	1,007	9.40
Nonwhite	733	31	509	100	632	6.30
Male	2,051	40	1,231	127	1,119	8.80
White	1,617	44	908	126	1,207	9.55
Nonwhite	434	26	323	130	874	6.70
Female	712	36	454	44	281	6.35
White	414	35	268	41	330	8.00
Nonwhite	298	38	186	48	212	4.40
CHIEF ACTIVITY						
Farm work	757	23	584	230	2,077	9.05
Farm wage work	599	23	460	269	2,403	8.90
Without nonfarm work	460	---	460	269	2,403	8.90
With nonfarm work	139	100	---	---	---	---
Other farm work 2/	158	22	124	83	871	10.40
Nonfarm work	403	99	---	---	---	---
Unemployed 3/	46	59	3/ 19	---	---	---
Not in labor force	1,557	31	1,078	37	262	6.90
Keeping house	320	31	220	36	284	7.70
Attending school	1,034	32	705	35	219	6.10
Other	204	25	154	48	428	8.75
DURATION OF FARM WAGE WORK						
Less than 25 days	1,130	45	618	9	64	6.55
25 days and over	1,634	35	1,067	159	1,374	8.60
RESIDENCE						
Farm	766	26	567	119	923	7.70
Nonfarm	1,998	44	1,118	97	879	9.00
MIGRATORY STATUS						
Migratory	351	48	184	123	1,322	10.70
Nonmigratory	2,412	38	1,502	102	841	8.20
REGION						
Northeast	216	46	117	94	1,191	12.55
North Central	519	47	278	104	784	7.50
South	1,292	34	854	103	687	6.65
West	736	41	436	111	1,289	11.60

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1/ Rounded to the nearest 5 cents.
2/ Includes operating a farm and unpaid family labor.
3/ Averages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

Table 12.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wage work, for farm wage workers who also did some nonfarm wage work, by selected characteristics, 1966

Selected characteristics	Number of workers	Farm and nonfarm			Farm			Nonfarm		
		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned		Days worked	Wages earned	
			Per year	Per day 1/		Per year	Per day 1/		Per year	Per day 1/
	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.
WORKERS WHO ALSO DID SOME NONFARM WAGE WORK, 1966	1,078	164	1,880	11.45	55	478	8.65	109	1,402	12.85
COLOR AND SEX										
White	855	171	2,114	12.35	54	519	9.45	117	1,595	13.75
Nonwhite	224	139	985	7.05	55	318	5.70	84	667	8.00
Male	820	182	2,234	12.25	61	547	8.90	121	1,687	13.95
White	709	185	2,369	12.80	60	568	9.45	125	1,801	14.40
Nonwhite	111	165	1,377	8.30	69	417	6.00	96	960	9.95
Female	258	107	756	7.05	34	256	7.35	73	500	6.90
White	146	102	878	8.55	29	284	9.75	73	594	8.05
Nonwhite	112	113	598	5.30	42	220	5.20	71	378	5.35
CHIEF ACTIVITY										
Farm work	173	211	2,184	10.35	152	1,504	9.85	59	680	11.60
Farm wage work	139	233	2,214	9.50	174	1,618	9.30	59	596	10.15
Other farm work 2/ 3/	34	---	---	---	----	---	---	---	---	---
Nonfarm work	399	238	3,300	13.80	41	347	8.35	197	2,953	14.95
Unemployed 3/	27	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Not in labor force	479	88	609	6.90	32	223	6.90	56	386	6.85
Keeping house	100	79	493	6.25	27	219	7.95	52	274	5.30
Attending school	329	93	600	6.45	35	222	6.35	58	378	6.50
Other	50	75	897	11.90	23	241	10.25	52	656	12.65
DURATION OF FARM WAGE WORK										
Less than 25 days	511	133	1,704	12.75	8	77	8.70	125	1,627	13.00
25 days and over	567	192	2,039	10.60	96	839	8.65	96	1,200	12.60
RESIDENCE										
Farm	199	143	1,307	9.10	64	433	6.70	79	874	11.10
Nonfarm	879	169	2,010	11.85	52	488	9.20	117	1,522	13.10
MIGRATORY STATUS										
Migratory	168	159	1,862	11.70	67	744	10.95	92	1,118	12.25
Nonmigratory	911	165	1,884	11.40	52	429	8.10	113	1,455	12.90
REGION										
Northeast	99	153	2,064	13.45	45	414	9.15	108	1,650	15.30
North Central	242	174	2,328	13.35	56	487	8.65	118	1,841	15.60
South	437	165	1,500	9.10	55	360	6.55	110	1,140	10.35
West	300	159	2,013	12.65	57	662	11.55	102	1,351	13.25

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.
1/ Rounded to the nearest 5 cents.
2/ Includes operating a farm and unpaid family labor.
3/ Averages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

APPENDIX A

SOURCES AND RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

The Survey

The estimates in this report are based on information obtained for the Economic Research Service by the Bureau of the Census through supplementary questions on the regular Current Population Survey (CPS) of December 1966. If a question on the regular survey concerning farm wage work was answered affirmatively, additional questions were asked on days of farm wage work and farm wages, migratory or nonmigratory status, nonfarm wage work done and associated wages, the chief activity in 1966, and other matters.

The CPS sample includes about 35,000 households which are interviewed each month. 1/ Since 1960, the estimates have included Alaska and Hawaii. Although changes have been made in the sample design from time to time, the data are sufficiently comparable to form a continuous series. The 1966 sample covered 357 areas, including each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. These areas comprised 701 counties and independent cities. Of the 35,000 households, about 1,500, on the average, were visited, but interviews were not obtained because the occupants were not found at home after repeated calls, or were unavailable for some other reason. In addition to the 35,000, 5,000 sample units were visited in an average month, but were found to be vacant or otherwise not to be enumerated.

The data in this report relate to all persons 14 years of age and over who did farm wage work in 1966 and who were in the civilian noninstitutional population at the time of the survey. Not included are persons who did farm wage work in 1966 who died, entered the Armed Forces, or were otherwise removed from the civilian noninstitutional population before the survey. Not included also are foreign nationals who did farm wage work in this country and who had returned to their homes before the survey. Since the termination of Public Law 78 in December 1964, the number of foreign nationals admitted for temporary farmwork has become very small and in 1966 totaled only 23,524. The total number of persons who may have been excluded probably does not exceed 400,000.

Reliability of Estimates

The estimating procedure used in these surveys involved inflating weighted sample results to independent estimates of the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States by age, color, and sex. These independent estimates were based on statistics from the 1960 Census of Population; statistics of births, deaths, immigration, and emigration; and statistics on the strength of the Armed Forces.

1/ For a thorough explanation of the CPS sample, see "The Current Population Survey: A Report on Methodology." U.S. Dept. of Com., Bur. of the Census Tech. Paper 7, 1963.

Since the estimates are based on sample data, they are subject to sampling variability. They may differ somewhat from the results that would have been obtained from another sample, or from a complete census using the same schedules, instructions, and interviewers. The results are also subject to errors of response and reporting.

The standard error of an estimate is primarily a measure of sampling variability, that is, of the variations that occur by chance because a sample rather than a whole population is surveyed. The standard error, as calculated for this report, also partially measures the effect of response and enumeration errors, but does not measure any systematic biases in the data. The chances are 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the sample would differ from that from a complete census by less than the standard error. The chances are about 95 out of 100 that the difference would be less than twice the standard error.

The estimates of standard errors shown in this report are approximations for the 357 areas sampled. To derive standard errors which would be applicable to a wide variety of items and which could be prepared at moderate cost, a number of approximations were required. As a result, the tables of standard errors provide an indication of the order of magnitude of the standard errors rather than the precise standard error for any specific item.

Tables 13 and 14 show the standard errors of the estimated number and percentages of persons who did farm wage work. The reliability of an estimated percentage, computed by using sample data for both numerator and denominator, depends on the size of the percentage and the size of the total on which the percentage is based. Generally, estimated percentages are relatively more reliable than the corresponding absolute estimates of the numerator of the percentage, particularly if the percentage is high.

Tables 15 and 16 show the standard errors of average number of days of farm wage work and of the average annual earnings from this work. Standard errors of average number of days and average annual earnings from nonfarm wage work would probably be somewhat higher than the standard errors of number of days and annual earnings from farm wage work.

Illustration of the use of tables of standard errors.--Table 4 shows that there were 647,000 males age 14-17 who were farm wage workers at the time of this survey. Table 13 shows the standard error of 647,000 to be about 60,000. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that a complete census would have shown a figure different from the sample result by less than 60,000. Chances are 95 out of 100 that the difference would have been less than 120,000. Of these 647,000 males age 14-17, 217,000, or 33 percent, had done 25-74 days of farm wage work (table 6). Table 14 shows the standard error of 33 percent with a base of 647,000 to be approximately 4.1 percent. Consequently, the chances are 68 out of 100 that a complete census would have disclosed the figures to be between 28.9 and 37.1 percent, and 99 out of 100 that the figure would have been between 24.8 and 41.2 percent.

Table 13.--Standard errors of estimated numbers of persons who did farm wage work, CPS Supplement

(68 chances out of 100)

Size of estimate	Standard error
25,000	11,000
50,000	15,000
100,000	22,000
250,000	35,000
500,000	52,000
1,000,000	80,000
2,500,000	150,000

Table 14.--Standard errors of percentages of persons who did farm wage work, CPS Supplement

(68 chances out of 100)

Percentage	Base of percentage in thousands						
	50	100	250	500	1,000	2,500	5,000
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
2 or 98	4.2	3.0	1.9	1.3	0.9	0.6	0.4
5 or 95	6.6	4.7	2.9	2.1	1.5	.9	.7
10 or 90	9.1	6.4	4.1	2.9	2.0	1.3	.9
15 or 85	10.8	7.6	4.8	3.4	2.4	1.5	1.1
20 or 80	12.1	8.5	5.4	3.8	2.7	1.7	1.2
25 or 75	13.1	9.3	5.9	4.1	2.9	1.9	1.3
35 or 65	14.4	10.2	6.4	4.6	3.2	2.0	1.4
50	15.1	10.7	6.8	4.8	3.4	2.1	1.5

Table 15.--Standard errors of estimated average number of days of farm wage work, CPS Supplement

(68 chances out of 100)

Average number of days worked per year per person	Standard error
50	3
100	4
200	5

Table 16.--Standard errors of estimated average annual earnings from farm wage work, CPS Supplement

(68 chances out of 100)

Average annual earnings per person	Standard error
$ 250	20
500	31
750	40
1,000	49
1,500	66
2,000	82

Sampling variability of estimated mean earnings.--A rough approximation to the standard error of an estimated mean can be computed from the distribution which gave rise to that mean. The standard error of average (mean) daily earnings at farm wage work, for example, may be computed by using the following formula:

$$\sigma_{\bar{x}} = 80 \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{c} n_i x_i^2}{n^2} - \frac{\bar{x}^2}{n}}$$

where $\sigma_{\bar{x}}$ = the standard error of the estimated mean

n_i = the weighted number of cases in the i^{th} earnings class

n = the weighted total number of cases in all c earnings class

x_i = the midpoint of the i^{th} earnings class

$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum n_i x_i}{n}$ = the mean of the distribution

In comparing the earnings of two classes of the population, the difference between the two means will frequently be subject to greater sampling variability than that in other types of comparisons, because the sample estimate of a mean of an earnings distribution is affected significantly by even a few extremely high average earnings. If sensitive indicators of differences between two groups are needed, it may be useful to consider other types of statistics, such as median earnings. Generally, the median of a distribution is more stable than the mean, since it is not affected as much by a few extreme observations.

Illustration: Table 8 shows the percentage distribution of farm wage workers by average daily earnings from farm wage work. Table 7 shows the average daily earnings of all farm wage workers to be $8.55. Converting the percentage distribution to absolutes by multiplying the given percentage by the total number of farm wage workers (2,763,000) gives the number of farm wage workers in each earnings interval class. These are the values of the n_i in the formula $\sigma_{\bar{x}}$. The total number of farm wage workers, 2,763,000, is the value of n. The values of the x_i are the midpoints of the earnings intervals shown. For the interval "less than $3.00" the midpoint is $1.50; for the interval "$3.00 - $4.99" it is $4.00; for "$5.00 - $6.99" it is $6.00, etc. Assume the midpoint of the interval "$13.00 and over" to be $28.00. The estimated standard error on the average daily earnings at farm wage work of all farm wage workers is about $0.40. Consequently, the chances are about 68 out of 100 that the difference between the mean earnings estimated from this sample and the earnings that would have been shown by a complete census would differ by less than $0.40. Chances are 95 out of 100 that the difference would be less than $0.80.

Sampling variability of estimated median earnings.--The variability of a median depends on the size of the base of the distribution and on the distribution on which the median is based. A method for getting an approximate measurement of the reliability of an estimated median is to determine an interval about the estimated median such that there is a stated degree of confidence that the true median lies within the interval.

As the first step in estimating the upper and lower limits of the interval about the median (that is, the confidence limits), compute one-half the number reporting the characteristic on which the median is based; designate this as N/2. Determine the standard error of N/2 (table 13). Subtract this standard error from N/2. Cumulate the frequencies (in the table on which the median is based) up to the interval containing the difference between N/2 and its standard error and, by linear interpolation, obtain a value corresponding to this number. Multiply this value by the size of the interval in which N/2 minus its standard error falls, and add this value to the beginning of the interval. This is the lower limit of the confidence interval.

In a similar manner, add the standard error to N/2, and follow the same procedure, outlined in the preceding paragraph, to find the upper limit of the confidence interval. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that the median computed from a complete census would lie between these two values. The range for 95 chances out of 100 can be computed in a similar manner by multiplying the standard error by 2 before subtracting and adding to N/2. Interpolation to obtain the values corresponding to these numbers gives the confidence limits for the median.

Illustration: Table 8 shows the median daily earnings at farm wage work of all farm wage workers to be $6.95. The confidence interval of this median is $6.95 - $7.44 at the 68 percent confidence level. Thus, median earnings estimated by this sample differ little from what a complete census would have shown.

APPENDIX B

DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Farm wage workers.--Persons 14 years old and over in the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States at the time of the survey who did any farmwork for cash wages or salary at any time in the year, even if only for 1 day.

Farmwork for cash wages or salary consists of the following: (1) Work done on any farm for cash wages in connection with the production, harvesting, threshing, preparation for market, or delivery to market of agricultural products; (2) work done off the farm for a farmer by his hired farmworker, such as trips to town to buy feed, seeds, or fertilizer, or to handle other matters involved in running the farm business; (3) repairs of farm buildings, machinery, etc., performed by a farm wage worker when done along with the type of work specified in (1) and (2) above; and (4) managing a farm enterprise for cash salary. Not included as farmwork for cash wages or salary are (1) work performed by farm operators on their own farms, or "exchange" work between farmers; (2) work done exclusively for "pay in kind"; (3) work done without pay on a family farm by a member of the farm operator's family, (a small regular cash allowance is not considered as farm wages); and (4) nonfarm work performed on a farm, such as the building of a farm structure, the drilling of a well, the hauling of agricultural products to market, or domestic service in the home of a farmer; and (5) custom work such as spraying, threshing, combining, etc., when a person is paid a combined rate for the use of his equipment and labor.

Casual workers.--Persons who did less than 25 days of farm wage work.

Noncasual workers.--Persons who did 25 days or more of farm wage work. Noncasual workers include:

Seasonal workers.--Persons who did 25-149 days of farm wage work.

Regular workers.--Persons who did 150-249 days of farm wage work.

Year-round workers.-- Persons who did 250 days or more of farm wage work.

(The use here of the terms "seasonal" and "regular" differs from that in the Census of Agriculture, where "seasonal workers" refers to persons employed on one farm for less than 150 days during the year, and "regular workers" to those employed on one farm for 150 days or more during the year.)

Age.--The age classification is based on the age of the person at his last birthday.

Color.--The term "color" refers to the division of the population into two groups--white and nonwhite. Nonwhites include such groups as Negroes, Indians, Japanese, and Chinese.

Chief activity.--Information on the chief activity of farm wage workers during the year was derived from the question, "What was . . . doing most of 1966--working, keeping house, going to school, or something else?" If "working"was reported as the chief activity, the kind of work the person was doing most of the year was determined. Farm wage work was reported if the person spent most of his working time doing farm wage work. Operating a farm was reported if a person spent most of his working time operating his own farm (as a tenant, owner, or sharecropper). Nonfarm work was reported if a person spent most of his working time in his own business or profession,

worked without pay in a family business, or worked for pay (or pay in kind) in any nonfarm activity, such as manufacturing, trade, construction, domestic service, etc. If the person did not report "working" as his chief activity, information was obtained on what he was doing most of the year. Looking for work (unemployed) was reported for a person who spent most of his time without employment, but was actively looking for a job. Keeping house was reported for persons who spent most of their time doing their own housework. Going to school was reported for persons who spent most of their time during the year going to school. The category "other" was reported for persons who spent most of their time at some activity other than those named above.

Residence.--Residence is determined on the basis of the classification of the place in which the worker lived at the time of the survey. In the Current Population Survey, farm wage workers were classified as living on farms (farm residents) if they lived in rural territory on places of 10 or more acres of land, and if as much as $50 worth of agricultural products were sold from the place in the reporting year. Also included are those who lived on places of less than 10 acres if as much as $250 worth of agricultural products were sold from the place in the reporting year. Nonfarm-resident workers lived in urban places, rural towns or villages, or in the open country on places that did not meet the criteria for farm classification.

Migratory status.--Migratory farm wage workers are those from whom a "yes" answer was obtained to one of two questions: "Some farm workers leave home to harvest crops or do other seasonal farmwork in a different State. Did . . . do this in 1966?" If the answer to that question was "No," the question was asked: "During 1966, did . . . leave home to do this work in a different county in this State?" Enumerators were instructed to consider as migratory workers (a) persons who were reported to have left their homes temporarily overnight to do farm wage work in another county within the same State or in a different State with expectation of eventually returning home, and (b) persons who had no usual place of residence, if they did farm wage work in two or more counties during the year. They were instructed to consider as nonmigratory workers (a) persons who were reported as farm wage workers in the county for part of the year and who made a more or less permanent move to another county during the year and also did farm wage work in the second county, and (b) persons who commuted daily across the county or State line to do farm wage work and returned home each night.

Region.--The States included in each of the four regions are as follows: Northeast--Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey; North Central--Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas; South--Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas; and West--Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, California, Hawaii, Alaska.

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Days of farm or nonfarm wage work.--Days on which any farm or nonfarm wage work was reported. The work may have been for all or only part of a day.

Earnings from farm or nonfarm work.--Total cash wages or salary received for farmwork or for nonfarm work. Estimates of earnings do not include the value of perquisites received in connection with farmwork or the value of fringe benefits received in connection with nonfarm work.

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